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SUBJECT: HUNGARY CHARGES US INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST WAR.

1. BUDAPEST DAILY MAGYAR HIRLAP TODAY CARRIES LEAD ARTICLE ACCUSING USG OF DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST WAR. ARTICLE STATES US CONDUCT CAUSING BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. SAYS LATEST EVENTS PROVE WASHINGTON NOT CONTENT TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL BUT ALSO IS INVOLVING ITSELF DIRECTLY IN ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THEN CITES CAIRO OFFICIAL PROTEST THAT TWO SR-71'S "SPY PLANES", A TYPE ONLY POSSESSED BY US AIR FORCE VIOLATED EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE.

2. ARTICLE THEN CHARGES THAT US PILOTS AND PLANES ARE TAKING PART IN BOMBING MISSIONS AGAINST SYRIAN CITIES ON SIDE OF ISRAELI AIR FORCE. THEN ASSERTS THAT AFTER PHANTOM SHOT DOWN OVER DAMASCUS THE PILOT "AN AMERICAN CITIZEN", WAS CAPTURED AND THAT THE PLANE ALSO BELONGS TO THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE.

3. CHARGES WERE NOT REPEATED IN TODAY'S AFTERNOON PAPER, BUT GOH OFTEN MAKES ALLEGATIONS IN MAGYAR HIRLAP WHICH ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT REPEATED IN OTHER MEDIA SOURCES. NEPSABADSAG DID

NOT APPEAR TODAY.

4. WE ARE FORCEFULLY CALLING FONOFF'S ATTENTION TO
DEPARTMENT'S DENIALS OF US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN
HOPE OF DETERRING FURTHER SUCH CHARGES.
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